

In the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A graphical user interface for a display devised for presentation of hierarchical information, comprising: a first menu field ~~(1)~~ carrying a list of menu items ~~(2)~~, at least one of ~~said~~ the menu items indicating a submenu field which is expandable within ~~said~~ the first menu field, ~~characterised in that said~~ wherein a graphical layer effect ~~(4)~~ is applied to an expanded submenu field such that ~~said the~~ expanded submenu field is displayed as an underlying layer ~~(3)~~ to the first menu field.

2. (Currently Amended) The graphical user interface as recited in claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the ~~for an~~ expanded submenu field ~~[[,]]~~ is located between two menu items ~~[[,]]~~ and the first menu field is displayed as being separated into two first menu fields ~~(1A, 1B)~~ revealing ~~said the~~ underlying layer there between.

3. (Currently Amended) The graphical user interface as recited in claim 1 ~~or 2~~, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein ~~said the~~ graphical layer effect comprises ~~the visualisation of an~~ edge ~~(4)~~ between displayed layers.

4. (Currently Amended) The graphical user interface as recited in claim 1 ~~or 2~~, ~~characterised in that said~~ wherein the graphical layer effect comprises ~~the visualisation of a~~ shadow ~~(4)~~ ~~on an~~ the underlying layer from an overlying layer.

5. (Currently Amended) The graphical user interface as recited in claim 1 ~~or 2~~, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein a displayed overlying layer is defined by a field ~~(1A, 1B)~~ enclosed by a contour ~~(5)~~ having rounded corners ~~(6)~~.

6. (Currently Amended) The graphical user interface as recited in claim 1 ~~or 2~~, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein a displayed overlying layer is defined by a field ~~(1A, 1B)~~ enclosed by a contour ~~(5)~~ having corners ~~(6)~~ with an inner angle of more than 90°.

7. (Currently Amended) The graphical user interface as recited in ~~any of the previous claims, characterised in that~~ claim 1, wherein the menu item for ~~an~~ the expanded submenu field is displayed in the underlying layer of the submenu field.

8. (Currently Amended) The graphical user interface as recited in ~~any of the previous claims, characterised in that~~ claim 1, wherein the parameter headings in ~~said~~ the first menu field are arranged in an order determined by frequency of use.

9. (Currently Amended) The graphical user interface as recited in ~~any of the previous claims, characterised in that~~ claim 1, wherein a selection indicator ~~(7)~~ comprises a contour ~~(8)~~-formed around a selected menu item in a list and a graphical layer effect ~~(4)~~ to ~~said~~ the contour.

10. (Currently Amended) The graphical user interface as recited in claim 9, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein it comprises an item triggering field ~~(9)~~ which can be activated to trigger an action associated with a menu item selected by ~~said~~ the selection indicator.

11. (Currently Amended) A graphical interface system comprising a display connected to a microprocessor unit, and a computer program including computer program code which, when executed by ~~said~~ the microprocessor unit, triggers the microprocessor unit to present, on ~~said~~ the display, a graphical user interface comprising: a first menu field carrying a list of menu items, at least one of the menu items indicating a submenu field which is expandable within the first menu field, wherein a graphical layer effect is applied to an expanded submenu field such that the expanded submenu field is displayed as an underlying layer to the first menu field. ~~according to any of the previous claims.~~

12. (Currently Amended) A computer program product for a graphical user interface-system comprising: ~~a microprocessor unit and a display, said~~the computer program product including computer program code which, when executed by the microprocessor unit, triggers the microprocessor unit to present, on said~~the~~ display, a graphical user interface according to any of the claims 1—10.

a computer readable medium having computer readable program code embodied therein, the computer readable program code comprising:

computer readable program code configured to provide a first menu field carrying a list of menu items, at least one of the menu items indicating a submenu field which is expandable within the first menu field;

computer readable program code configured to apply a graphical layer effect to an expanded submenu field such that the expanded submenu field is displayed as an underlying layer to the first menu field.

13. (Currently Amended) A portable communication terminal (30) comprising a display (21) and a means for executing a presentation on said ~~the~~ display of a graphical user interface ~~according to any of the claims 1—10., the graphical user interface comprising a first menu field carrying a list of menu items, at least one of the menu items indicating a submenu field which is expandable within the first menu field, wherein a graphical layer effect is applied to an expanded submenu field such that the expanded submenu field is displayed as an underlying layer to the first menu field.~~